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In Re: Application Ser. No. 09/329,734 : Art Unit 2674
Filed 6/10/99 : Exr. F. Nguyen
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For: IMPROVEMENT IN POSITIONING CONTROL OF A COMPUTER MOUSE

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 3/5/02 CALL FROM EXAMINER NGUYEN
3/6/02 Fax transmission to 703 746-5850 with mail confirmation

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Sir:

In response to the 3/5/02 call, the courtesy of which is greatly appreciated, the following is provided. In the discussion in the phone call, the examiner pointed out, that in the 12/27/01 response, formality irregularities had been pointed out by the Group clerk, and that those formalities appeared to involve a belief that claim 6 lacked the providing of a clean copy, that claim 10 appeared not to be complete and that exactly which claims were being cancelled was unclear; further, the examiner pointed out that there appeared to be a discontinuity in the remarks section of the 12/27/01 response to the 10/1/01 Office Action.

Upon examination, by applicant, it is noted that in the 12/27/01 response there is an error in the page numbering. The error is regretted.

This information response, is directed to conforming the claims to the content of the indicated allowable subject matter; repeats the content of the 12/27/01 response and in addition provides

an overview and, with each claim, further information that should more closely correlate the changes in that claim with the subject matter considered to be allowable.

In an overview, it is considered that in the 10/1/01 Office action there were two rejections; a 35USC 112 rejection directed to all 17 claims, and a 35USC102 rejection directed to 5 of the claims. The examiner found allowable subject matter in 12 of the claims, claims 5-11 and 13-17. In the 12/27/01 response, the claim cancellations and amendments are directed toward insertion of 35USC112 avoiding language specifying that the frictional force is of the drag type that results from the touchable and viewable limitations of the dependent claims in each of the 12 allowable claims, and to arrange the allowable claims so that cancellation of the 1, 2 and 12 claims rejected under 35 USC 102 can take place.

With respect to changes in the claims.

Kindly rewrite the content of claims 1, 4, and 5 as claim 18 as follows to reflect the fact that the specified intersection is to be between a computer mouse and mouse pad and that the specified frictional force is to be a drag type force component resulting from added weight.